



the **CHITIMACHA** **NEWSLETTER**

"SOVEREIGN NATION OF THE CHITIMACHA"

JANUARY 1996

NEWS FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

Dear Tribal Members:

I would like to wish all of you a happy new year. Hopefully, this year will get better as it goes on because it surely isn't starting great for government. Congress and the President are still at battle over the budget while many people are at home waiting for word to go back to work. Many tribes that run their budgets on a fiscal year basis are also in dire need at this time. We are fortunate to be on a calendar year basis whereby we had money to operate through December and, now, we will expend some carry-over monies that we had left. Hopefully, things can get resolved in Washington soon so we can see how much money we will receive to operate. We know that we will be taking cuts but we don't know the dollar amount at this time.

Speaking of government, a new trend to watch will be the new Governor of Louisiana, Mike Foster. Mike is a conservative and it will be interesting to see what he does in the next four years. I have a feeling that some drastic changes will be made and I think for the better of state government.

Mardi Gras Parade

The theme for this years parade is "The Sea". The parade will be held on Saturday February 17th at 1 p.m. Anyone wishing to enter a float, please contact me at 923-7215 or Rebecca

Martin at 923-9960. This event grows a little bigger each year and it is great to have involvement from the community to make it successful.

General Meeting

There will be a general meeting held on Saturday, January 20, 1996 at 2 p.m. at the Chitimacha Tribal School Gymnasium. Please come out and get informed as to what is currently taking place in tribal government and the Chitimacha community.

*From the Chitimacha Tribal Council
and
Chitimacha Tribal Employees
Have a Happy New Year*



**News from the
Chitimacha P.D.
By: Ellen Hebert**

We would like to welcome to the department Francis McCloskey, our new Chief of Police. Chief McCloskey, having worked several years with the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington, D.C. and a retired Central Intelligence Agency Officer, brings with him extensive experience and knowledge in law enforcement matters. Chief McCloskey is also a proficient helicopter pilot with over 2600 flight hours. We are very glad to have him as part of the team of the Chitimacha Tribal Police Department.

Birthday greetings went out to three employees of the department for the month of December. Officer Blaise Smith on December 7, Dispatcher Rosie Bertrand on December 8, and Officer Clayton Arnold on December 17. Happy Birthday from all your co-workers!

To date for the month of December, the officers issued four traffic citations and logged two arrests for disturbing the peace intoxicated and remaining where forbidden.

On November 21 and 22, the police department hosted a class on DWI Detection and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing. The instructors for the class were Sergeant Louie Moore of the Baton Rouge Police Department, Lieutenant Russell Roge of Natchitoches Police

Department, and Melissa Austin of the Louisiana State University Law Enforcement Training Department. Chitimacha Police Department Officers Rex Thibodeaux, Mike Pontiff, Steve Gentry and Clayton Arnold, were in attendance. The ultimate goal of the class was to increase deterrence of DWI violations, and thereby reduce the number of accidents, deaths and injuries caused by impaired drivers. As a result of this training, officers became significantly better able to recognize and interpret evidence of DWI violations, administer and interpret standardized field sobriety tests, and describe DWI evidence clearly and convincingly in written reports and verbal testimony.

During the month of November all police dispatchers became members of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials International, Inc. (APCO). APCO is the world's oldest and largest professional organization of people devoted to improving the emergency response communications capabilities of the Federal, Provincial, State, and local government agencies, including the many volunteer organizations affiliated with these operations. Dispatchers will receive an APCO public safety communications magazine monthly and also information on various training seminars that are held throughout the states.

On Wednesday, December 20, police department employees

along with members of the Chitimacha Junior Police held it's first Christmas Carolling event. We rode around the reservation on a hay ride singing our Christmas carols for the residents--we may not have been one hundred per cent on key or all singing in tune at the same time but we sure had fun and enjoyed sharing the Christmas spirit with others. After the carolling we came back to the police department and enjoyed the welcome warmth of a bon fire, fixed hot dogs and roasted some marshmallows. Despite the cold weather everyone had a great time!

We thank all the junior police members that attended, parents, and numerous others that assisted us in getting drinks and eats, firewood, tractor and trailer, and everyone that gave of their time and made the extra effort to make this event successful--without all your help we never could have done it--thanks to everyone!

At this time of year we all celebrate our good fortunes and enjoy the festivities of the holidays, but we also need to stop and remember in our prayers those that are not so fortunate to have the ways and means of enjoying the holidays. We also ask for everyone to remember in their prayers Officer Steve Gentry's mother, who has cancer, and was taken to the hospital in Tupelo, Mississippi, on Sunday, December 17, to have emergency surgery. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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Environmental Health

By: Lou Martin

Firework Safety

In 1994 the National Fire Protection Association statistics claimed that more than 12,000 people nationwide suffered fireworks related injuries that were severe enough to require treatment in a hospital emergency room.

In this state, fireworks caused 171 fires which resulted in more than a quarter of a million dollars in property loss.

In order to have a safer holiday, here are some fireworks safety suggestions:

--Always read and follow the label directions carefully.

--Always have a garden hose or water bucket nearby for medical emergencies and/or to douse spent or misfired fireworks.

--Adults should always supervise fireworks activity.

--Only use fireworks outdoors, away from all structures.

--Fireworks should be placed on a hard smooth surface prior to ignition. NEVER light fireworks in your hand.

--Only light one firework at a time, and move away quickly after lighting.

--Never point or throw fireworks at people, pets, cars or buildings.

--Keep fireworks away from small children.

--Do not alter or make your own fireworks.

**HAVE A HAPPY AND
SAFE NEW YEAR**

Human Services

My apologies to Amy Darden. Her name was accidentally left off of the list of people becoming certified by the American Red Cross in babysitting. Congratulations Amy!!!

D.A.R.E. Graduation

The sixth grade class would like to invite everyone to attend their annual DARE Program Graduation. The Graduation will be held on Friday, January 12, 1996 at 9:00 am at the Chitimacha Day School. The students have been working with Sgt. Debbie Camp of the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office and have successfully completed the program. The program equips the students with the skill necessary to resist the use and abuse of drugs and alcohol. We hope that you will take this opportunity to show your pride in these students that have gone through the Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education program.

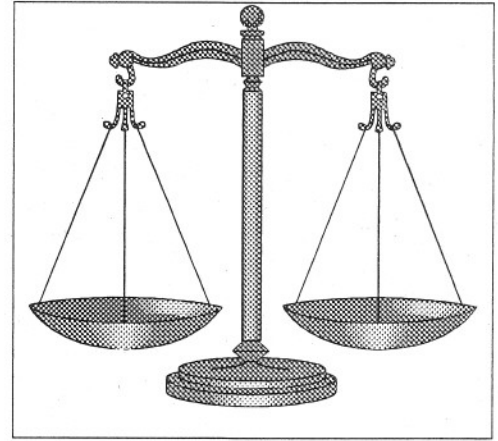
Just

Say

No!!!

to Drugs and Alcohol

"Official Notice"



Duly Published By:

Holly A. Robicheaux
Tribal Courts Director
Chitimacha Tribe of La.

The Chitimacha Tribal Council has proposed the revision of the Chitimacha Comprehensive Codes of Justice as follows;

Title XII - Gaming Ordinance
(Addition of Section 525 - Conflict of Interest)

Pursuant to the "Procedural Guidelines for Implementation of Ordinances and Revisions"; adopted by the Tribal Council, the General Council will have the opportunity to:

Review these proposed revisions at the Multi-Purpose Building and/or Tribal Courts, during regular office hours beginning, Monday, January 8, 1996 through Monday, January 22, 1996, and to; Submit written comments, which must be received by January 22, 1996, to **"Tribal Ordinance Comments", Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana, P.O. Box 661, Charenton, LA 70523.**

IF A STRANGER COMES TO THE DOOR, BEWARE

Criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts. And it's not uncommon for people to try to take advantage of others' generosity during the holidays by going door-to-door for charitable donations when there's no charity involved. Ask for identification, and find out how the funds will be used. If you aren't satisfied, don't give. Help a charitable organization you know and like instead.

Last but not least, don't let holiday stress get the best of your holiday spirit. Make time to get together with family, friends, and neighbors. And think about reaching out in the spirit of the season and helping someone who's less fortunate or lonely.

Do your part to make the holidays a safe and happy time for everybody—except criminals.

TAKE A HOLIDAY INVENTORY

The holidays are a good time to update — or create — your home inventory. Take photos or make videos of items, and list descriptions and serial numbers! If your home is burglarized, having a detailed inventory can help identify stolen items and make insurance claims easier to file. Make sure things like TVs, VCRs, stereo equipment, cameras, camcorders, sports equipment, jewelry, silver, computers, home office equipment, and power tools are on the list. Remember to check it twice!



Crime Prevention Tips From
National Crime Prevention Council
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HOLIDAY SAFETY



TIPS
FOR
SAFE AND HAPPY
HOLIDAYS



This holiday season, don't let the spirit of giving lull you into giving burglars, muggers, and pickpockets a better chance to do their dirty work. Crooks love the holidays as much as everyone else, but chiefly because it's an opportune time for crime.

Homes jam-packed with glittering gifts. Stores, malls and downtown streets teeming with unsuspecting shoppers. People rushing around, stressed out and careless, looking for last-minute gifts, trying to get everything done. It's enough to make a crook giddy with holiday joy.

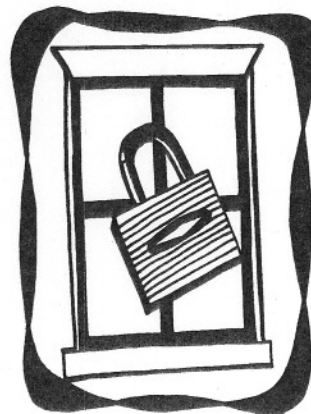
Here are some tips on how to celebrate safely this holiday season:

IF YOU'RE TRAVELING

- Get an automatic timer for your lights.
- Ask a neighbor to watch your home, shovel snow, and park in the driveway from time to time.
- Don't forget to have mail and newspaper delivery stopped. If it piles up, it's a sure sign you're gone.

IF YOU'RE OUT FOR THE EVENING

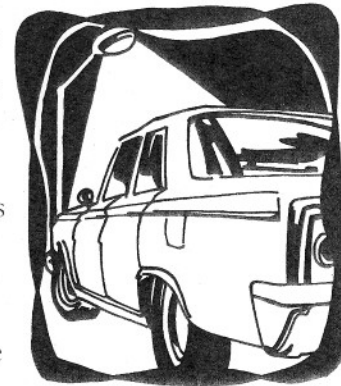
- Turn on lights and a radio or TV so it looks like someone's home.
- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave, even if it's just for a few minutes.



- Don't display gifts where they can be seen from outside.

IF YOU'RE SHOPPING

- Stay alert and be aware of what's going on around you.
- Park in a well-lighted space, and be sure to lock the car, close the windows, and hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; pay with a check or credit card whenever possible.
- Deter pickpockets and purse-snatchers. Don't overburden yourself with packages. Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Put a wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket.
- Shopping with kids? Teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated.



CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL

DAILY MENU SCHEDULE

January 1996

MONDAY Jan. 1, 1996 Off	TUESDAY Jan. 2, 1996 Off	WEDNESDAY Jan. 3, 1996 Breakfast Grits, Sausage, Juice & Milk Lunch Chicken Nuggets, Spaghetti w/Cheese, Salad, Fruit & Milk	THURSDAY Jan. 4, 1996 Breakfast Cereal, Toast, Juice & Milk Lunch Chili, Crackers, Beans, Salad, Fruit & Milk	FRIDAY Jan. 5, 1996 Breakfast Biscuit, Bacon, Juice & Milk Lunch Beef Stew/Carrots, Rice, Salad, Fruit & Milk
MONDAY Jan. 8, 1996 Breakfast Oatmeal, Sausage Link, Juice & Milk Lunch Baked Chicken, B-B-Q Beans, Coleslaw, Fruit, Buns & Milk	TUESDAY Jan. 9, 1996 Breakfast Cheese & Ham, Toast, Juice & Milk Lunch Hamburgers, French Fries, Lettuce/Tomato, Fruit, Buns & Milk	WEDNESDAY Jan. 10, 1996 Breakfast Bagel, Bacon, Juice & Milk Lunch Pork Chops w/Gravy, Green Beans, Salad, Fruit, Rice & Milk	THURSDAY Jan 11, 1996 Breakfast Pancakes, Sausage, Juice & Milk Lunch Chicken Sausage Gumbo, Rice, Potato Salad, Fruit & Milk	FRIDAY Jan. 12, 1996 Breakfast Biscuit Sausage, Juice & Milk Lunch Soup and Sandwich, Lettuce and tomato, Fruit, Bread & Milk
MONDAY Jan. 15, 1996 Off Martin Luther King Holiday	TUESDAY Jan. 16, 1996 Breakfast Eggs, Toast, Juice & Milk Lunch Smothered Steak, Rice w/Gravy, Field Peas, Salad, Fruit, Roll & Milk	WEDNESDAY Jan. 17, 1996 Breakfast Cereal, Hash Browns, Juice & Milk Lunch Hot Dogs, French Fries, Salad, Fruit & Milk	THURSDAY Jan. 18, 1996 Breakfast Waffles, Ham, Juice & Milk Lunch Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Peas, Fruit, Roll & Milk	FRIDAY Jan. 19, 1996 Breakfast Biscuit, Sausage, Juice & Milk Lunch Crawfish Etouffee, Rice, Corn on-the-Cob, Jello, Bread & Milk
MONDAY Jan. 22, 1996 Breakfast Oatmeal, Sausage, Juice & Milk Lunch Spaghetti, Deviled Eggs, Salad, Fruit, Roll & Milk	TUESDAY Jan. 23, 1996 Breakfast Breakfast Pizza, Juice & Milk Lunch Baked Ham, Candied Yams, Salad, Fruit, Roll & Milk	WEDNESDAY Jan 24, 1996 Breakfast Cinnamon Bun, Ham, Juice & Milk Lunch Taco's, Corn, Salad, Fruit, Roll & Milk	THURSDAY Jan 25, 1996 Breakfast Cereal, Toast, Juice & Milk Lunch White Beans, Rice, Fried Fish, Salad, Fruit, Roll & Milk	FRIDAY Jan. 26, 1996 Breakfast Biscuit, Sausage, Juice & Milk Lunch Fried Shrimp Po-Boys, Salad, Fruit, Cake & Milk

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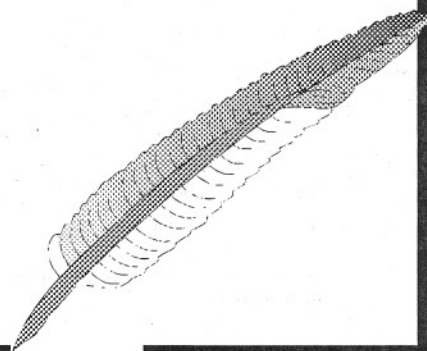
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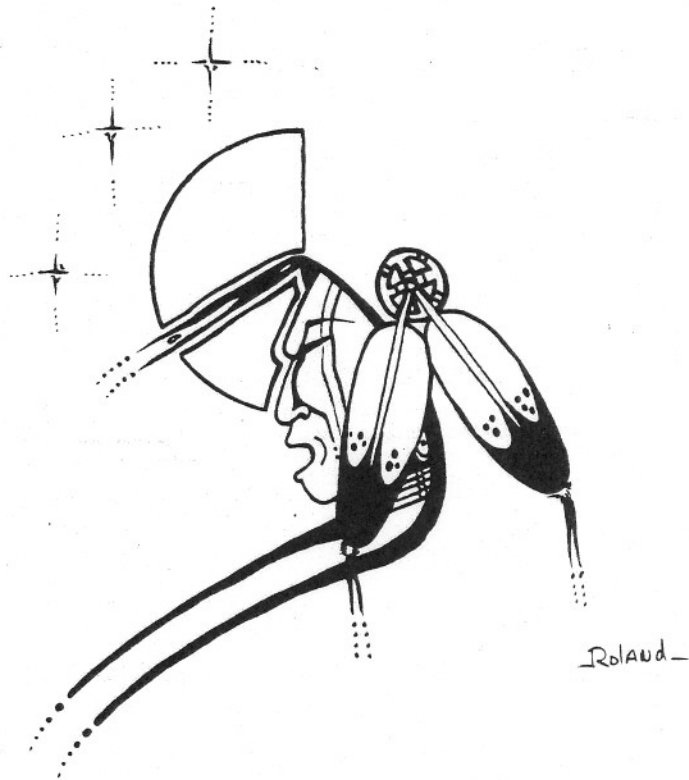
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Cultural Displays
Artists Demonstrations**

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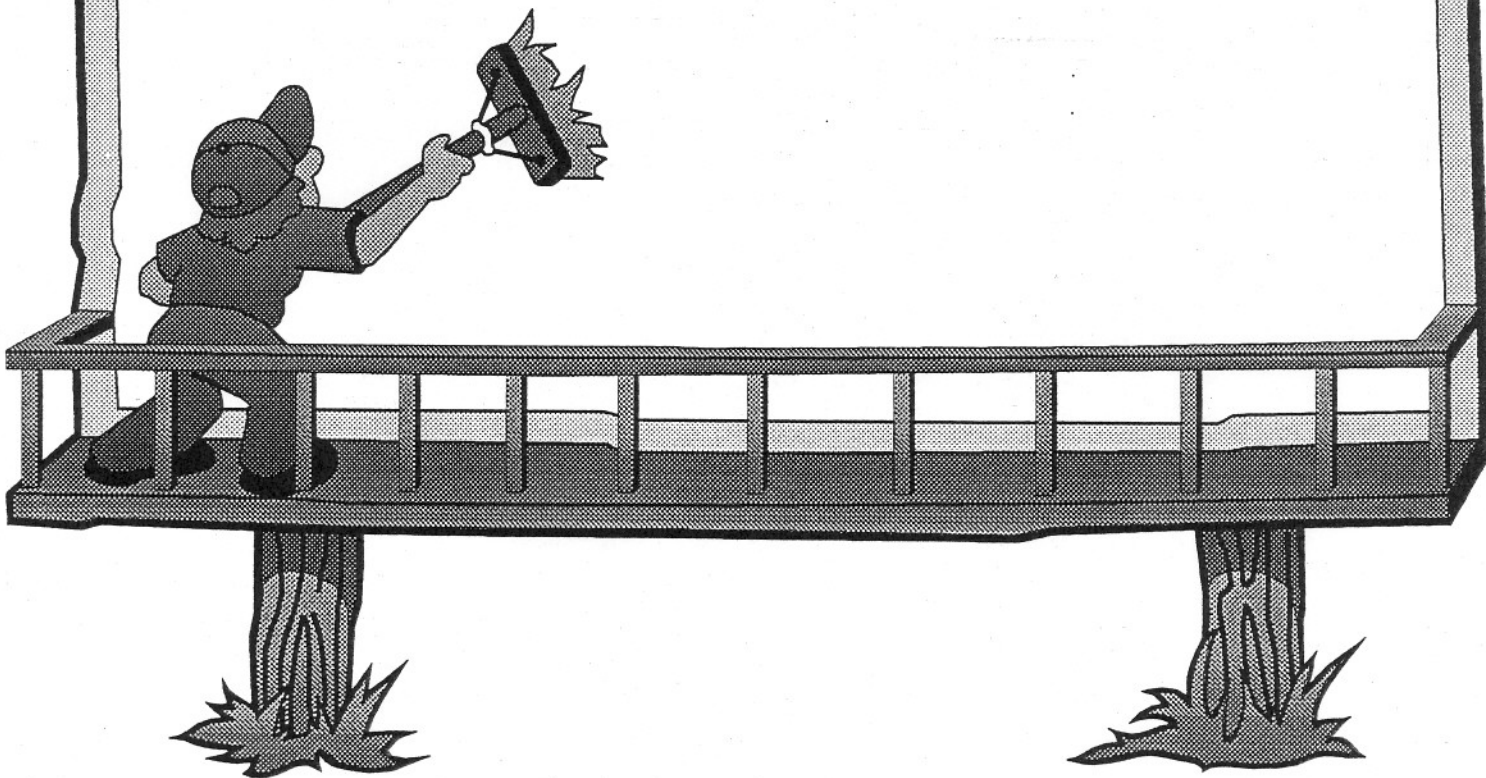
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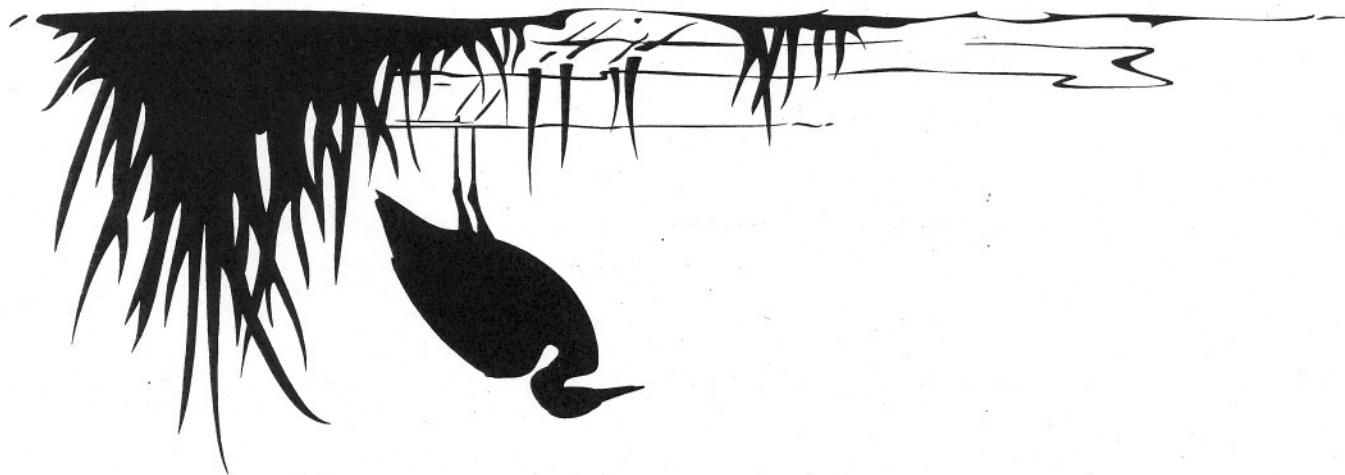
Congratulations to Thomas & Tricia Vilcan
on the arrival of a baby girl on Nov. 30, 1995
Elizabeth Claire
Love, Maw Maw & Paw Paw

BINGO at Tribal School
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Games start 6:30 p.m.

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*Anyone interested in Piano Lessons?
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